THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The Commission visited accident site and nearby Railway stations and hospitals twice during November, 1999. After examining details collected by the Chief Commissioner of Railway Safety, examination of witnesses has commenced from 16.2.2000.

(d) The following officials who were placed under suspension after preliminary enquiry have been reinstated.

i. Shri Asharfi Mahato, Pointsman/Kishanganj
ii. Shri Indradeo Basfore, Pointsman/Kishanganj
iii. Shri Balkishun Rai, Gateman/Kishanganj
iv. Shri Uma Kant Misra, Porter/Kishanganj
v. Shri Jadu Nandan, Gateman/Kishanganj
vi. Shri Yohanna Marandi, Cabin Man-II/Gaisal
vii. Shri Nagina Prasad, Cabin Man-II/Gaisal
viii. Shri Rabi Roy, Pointsman-B/Gaisal
ix. Shri S. N. Mukherjee, Divisional Railway Manager/Katihar
x. Shri V. R. Lenin, Senior Divisional Operating Manager/ Katihar
xi. Shri H. R. Rao, Divisional Safety Officer/Katihar
xii. Shri S. B. Bhattacharya, Chief Operating Manager/Maligaon
xiii. Shri R. K. Thanga, Chief Safety Officer/Maligaon

Railmotor service between Pathankot and Jogindernagar

273. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to introduce Railmotor service between Pathankot and Jogindernagar to attract tourists for visiting Kullu and Manali in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government also propose to introduce express and Mail train services in that region; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and by when this decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) At present there is no proposal to introduce additional train services or Rail Motor services on the Pathankot-Joginder nagar section due to operational and resource constraints.

Express train between Hyderabad and Goa

274. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce an express train between Hyderabad and Goa;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pune Railway Division

275. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
MISS MABEL REBALLO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pune Railway Division has not become fully functional till now;

(b) if so, how long it would take to make it functional; and

(c) whether necessary budgetary provision is being made for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

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